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Debate: if Boston triples its density, would it become another Paris? – Smart growth (and density) can sometimes backfire. – Transit villages on track in California. – U.K. could take lessons in urban planning and homebuilding - as it was done 200 years ago. – A first look at what might be London's tallest building (if approved). – WTC teams awash in Yalies. – Cultural plans for WTC site. – A "slate armadillo" in Wales is most worthy. – Big plans for two hospitals. – Historic terminal dedicated by Amelia Earhart in 1935 revived. – Architecture students take on a big ditch in New Mexico. – Lessons from pre-Columbian ruins might save San Francisco (former) landmark.

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What makes a city thrive? People, lots of 'em, really, really close- Harvard Gazette

Op-Ed: Too High a Density Can Also Promote Sprawl: Densification is often promoted as a solution to sprawl, but too much density too quickly can also backfire...tips to avoid mistakes... By Martin Laplante- PLANetizen

New generation is right on track: Transit villages appeal to home buyers who are willing to sacrifice square footage to be closer to rail stations. - Moule & Polyzoides- Los Angeles Times

The economy could use another Bath: ...if we could build decent houses 200 years ago, why on earth can't we now?- Telegraph (UK)

Unveiled: City high-flier: London's newest landmark - a 736ft tower, designed by the Richard Rogers Partnership...would be at least 100ft taller than any other building in the City. [images]- This is London (UK)

Alumni, faculty work to rebuild WTC: [Yalies] offer input on finance, planning, design of NYC complex- Yale Daily News

Lower Manhattan Development Corporation announces next steps and timeline for future cultural programming for memorial center and cultural complex on the World Trade Center site.- LMDC

Wales can be proud of its slate armadillo: Giles Worsley, the first architecture critic to see inside the new Wales Millennium Centre, finds it too nationalistic but a worthy home for Welsh National Opera. - Percy Thomas Partnership; Zaha Hadid; Enric Miralles; Imre Makovecz- Telegraph (UK)

Two Hospitals Start Far-Reaching Building Projects - Cannon Design; Kaplan McLaughlin Diaz [image]- New York Times

Historic airport terminal? Yep, and in Newark - Beyer Blinder Belle- NY Newsday

University of New Mexico architecture students, MainStreet look into improvements at the Big Ditch- Silver City Daily Press (New Mexico)

Architecture Student Hopes to Apply Lessons of History [pre-Columbian ruins] to Former San Francisco Landmark [Sutro Baths] - Jonathan Lopez; RTKL- Cal Poly State University

And the Winners Are: New Housing New York Competition Winners: Exhibition of inspiring designs for affordable, sustainable housing opens tomorrow.
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Habitat 825: An apartment building draws inspiration from its neighbor-Schindler's Kings Road House. - Lorcan O'Herlihy Architects [images]-ArchNewsNow

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